Property Owners in Five Blocks Hustling to Find Out Who's to Pay-Difference Opinion About It-Meeting Called to De Something - Nothing More Gone.

The situation along the undermined row of buildings on Park avenue, between ! Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets, was more critical yesterday than it had been at any time since the cave-in by the subway's side occurred last Friday; and in spite of the repeated assertion that no change for the worse had been noticed, the subway contractor's people were evidently much concerned. From early morning till nearly midnight workmen were shoring up the threatened houses and Commissioner Stewart of the Bureau of Buildings stayed on the scene urging them on.

Late in the afternoon Mr. Stewart was heard to say that if nothing happened within the next five or six hours, the danger of a collapse would probably be averted. Nothing did happen to change this expectation.

The attentions of the emergency crew were yesterday no longer confined to the houses at 55, 57 and 59 Park avenue which were damaged when the cave-in occurred shoring was extended to Nos. 61, 53 and 51. Almost the entire front of No. 53 was dismantled in order to keep it from falling down. D. W. Burnham's residence at No. 61 was stripped of its stoop to make room for the entrance of the shore beams. When the workmen finished that part of their task, the buildings had taken on a strange skull-like appearance.

The house at No. 51, occupied by H. H. Flagler, the second one from the Thirtyseventh street corner, had been supposed to be practically outside of the danger sone, but the timbers rose against its front also yesterday. Commissioner Stewart said that was because he was unwilling to take any risk at all. Other persons connected with the work said, however that discouraging reports had been re-ceived from below, the mass tumbled into the tunnel having shown itself to be still

Chief Engineer William Barclay Parsons of the subway said last night that he had examined the tunnel along its entire length not less than five times yesterday and no change in the general situation had taken place during the day. Mr. Parsons said also, that there would be no change in the

place during the day. Mr. Parsons said also, that there would be no change in the tunnel plans.

The occupants of the threatened buildings spent the day in moving out their household goods, most of which ad previously been stacked up in the rear rooms. The furniture had to be taken out through the back doors, a process which proved both difficult and injurious to it.

The tenants also began to look out for indemnity for the damage suffered. Today at 5 o'clock a meeting is to be held in the Hotel Manhattan to see about this. Every property owner and lessee in the section of Park avenue between Thirty-fifth and Fortieth streets is expected to be present, Frederick W. Devoe of No. 59, who issued the call for the meeting, said that a committee will be appointed to confer with the Rapid Transit Commission and the contractors.

"We want first of all to find out who is responsible for the manner in which this work is carried on," said Mr. Devoe. "Then we want to see that the work is stopped until we have some guarantee that the carriess methods that have prevailed.

"Then we want to see that the work is stopped until we have some guarantee that the careless methods that have prevailed till now are abandoned. No extreme measures will be resorted to until we find whether our reasonable demands will be granted or not. If those in charge agree to indemnify us for the loss of property we have suffered and to be more careful in the future, that will end the matter. Otherwise we shall have to invoke the aid of the courts."

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of the courts."
From Mr. Devoe's remarks it was inferred that he and the other injured property owners are looking to John B. McDonald for indemnity and to the Rapid Transit
Commissioners for a change in the methods

of carrying on the work.

Andrew H. Green, who lives at 91 Park avenue and has just moved back into his residence after being driven out by the explosion in front of the Murray Hill Hotel, told a Sun reporter, however, that he had little hope that the responsibility could be placed where it ought to belong; that is, with the city and the chief contractor.

"The contract between the Rapid Tran-

"The contract between the Rapid Transit Commission and Contractor McDonald," Mr. Green said, "is such a wonderful document that it is impossible to draw any certain conclusion from it or to use it for the reacing of any kind of responsibility. When we go to Contractor McDonald or to the Rapid Transit Commissioners for a remedy, all we get is a lot of talk about how much Sub-Contractor Shaler is to be pitied. Now, it is time that those Commissioners step to the front and shoulder the responsibility which belongs to them; but there is small hope they will do so."

The question of responsibility for the Park avenue damage was broached to Corporation Counsel George L. Rives by The Sun reporter. Mr. Rives refused to the Corporation on the subject. He express an opinion on the subject. He explained that he expected within a short time to defend the city's interests in law-suits arising out of the Park avenue trouble and until called upon by the Court to give an opinion, he preferred to remain silent.

John De Witt Warner thinks that the responsibility for damage done rests in responsibility for damage done rests in the first instance with Contractor McDon-ald, but ultimately with the city. Another lawyer, who also has subjected the Rapid

Transit contract to close scrutiny, ex-pressed a similar opinion.

People who live in the neighborhood of 19th street and Broadway are now com-104th street and Broadway are now com-plaining that the blasting on the subway at that point is amashing too many win-dows. A lot of windows were broken resterday morning. In the house at 282 West 104th street two ostlings have re-cently been knocked down. The blasts have also caused much anxiety among the inmates of the Institution for the Relief for the Destitute Blind in Amster-dam avenue.

PRINCESS MARIE OF WIED DEAD. the Was the Mother of "Carmen Sylva." Queen of Boumants

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BOERS TO DISCUSS PEACE. Schalkburger Got British Permission to

Special Cable Despaich to THE SUK. LONDON, March 24 .- In the House of ommons this afternoon Secretary for War Brodrick, in reply to a question, stated that a fortnight ago Mr. Schalkburger, Acting President of the Transvaal, asked for safe conduct through the British lines in order that he might interview Mr. Steyn in regard to the possibilities of peace. The British Government and Lord Kitchene

had consented. It is clear that Mr. Schalkburger's application was made before the Boers had any

knowledge of the Twebosch disaster. The Exchange Telegram Company professes to have the highest authority for stating that Mr. Schalkburger and Commandants Krogh and Lucas Meyer cam into the British lines in accordance with an arrangement sanctioned at last Friday's meeting of the British Cabinet. It is understood that although the visit is connected with peace overtures they are not far advanced.

The present main object of Mr. Schalkburger and his party is to confer with Mr Steyn and Christian De Wet. Lord Kitchener, who arranged for the safe conduct of the Transvaal party to Pretoria and thence to the Orange River Colony, has had an interview with Mr. Schalkburger, but no important step was taken in the direction of peace. There is, however, an unmistakable impression in official circles that the negotiations may have a satisfactory

Commenting on the reported Boer overtures, the Pall Mall Gazette says that the unexpected has happened once more. The arrival of Schalkburger and others at Pretoria seems to signify that the Boer "Government" has had enough. If so, it is a question what terms they are likely to propose or accept and what authority they have to impose submission upon the commanders in the field. It asks:

"Does the declaration of June last that no peace will be made and no peace conditions will be accepted by which our independence for national existence or the interest of our colonial brothers shall be the price paid stand? Assuming that it does not, what probability is there that Botha, De Wet and Delarey will agree to any abatement? It must be confessed that the moment is not auspicious for such a change of mind. After the recent considerable success of Delarey it is hardly likely that he will give up the game. To our thinking, neither Delarey nor De Wet whatever Botha may do, will be bound by any terms that Schalkburger and his colleagues can possibly obtain from the British Government

LONDON, March 25 .- Secretary of State for War Brodrick's statement in the House of Commons is the only solid fact that has transpired in twenty-four hours in connection with the mission of the Boer leaders. Rumors, speculations and opinions make up

ill the rest and none carries conviction. The Chronicle says it knows there is a eeling in official circles that the end of the war is in sight, and it sees significance in the delegates acting as was suggested in the British reply to the Dutch overtures. The paper says it learns that it was in following this suggestion, namely, that the Boer leaders in South Africa com municate with Gen. Kitchener, that Mr. Schalkburger, after consulting with Gen. Botha, applied for a safe conduct to meet Gen. De Wet, declaring that his mission was undertaken in the interests of peace

The delegates' interview with Gen. Kitchener, continues the Chronicle, was formal and very brief, they simply reporting themselves en route to Kroonstad. Upon arriving at the latter place they would go due east, as the meeting place was somewhere in the Reitz district. It may be noted that if this is correct Gen. De Wet has either forced his way or been allowed to cross the main railway, the latest authentic report placing him far to the west of the railroad and only separating him from Gen. Delarey's country by the Klerksdorp blockhouse

Acceptance of the Chronicle's story also implies that Gen. Delarey will be absent from the conference unless he has made a passage eastward. The Chronicle asserts positively that while the negotiations are in progress a complete cessation of hostilities will be honorably observed by both

The Daily Mail says it has authority for the statement that there is no question of an armistice, and the operations against Gen. Delarey will be vigorously and uninterruptedly pushed. It adds that there is a tendency in certain military circles to

evince suspicion of the Boer move. From Boer centres on the Continent The Hague and Brussels, come statements that Mr. Krager and his friends were entirely surprised by Schalkburger's move. They are represented as saying that it can only be the result of a pressing invitation from Gen. Kitchener.

CONTINENTAL COMMENT Paris Opinion That the Boer Position is

Stronger Than a Year Ago.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR PARIS, March 24.—Commenting on the mission of Mr. Schalkburger and the other Bour delegates to Lord Kitchener and Mr. Steyn, the Temps says the Boar situation is better than it was a year ago and England's worse from a political point of view owing to entirrely new perils and draw

The Eclair suggests that the claims of sovereignty put forward by Great Britain will prevent the conclusion of prace

SHARP RALLY IN CONSOLS.

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tiors in South Africa. Special Cubic Leaguach to Tax Bere LONDON. March 24. The markets were

affected but selightly this morning by reports of Moor peace exectures in Bouth Africa Prices stiffened slightly, but brokers were generally inactive awaiting develop-

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FRENCH DEMANDS ON CHINA. Consul at Canton Seeks Rallway Conce sions - Tariff Commission Meets.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN SHANGHAI, March 24.- The French Consul at Canton is very active in pushing French nterests. He has demanded from the Canton Vicercy, Tao Mu, concessions for a railway from Samsui to Wuchow and from Canton to Samsui. He has also demanded a concession for a tramway from Canton to Heklung, between Canton and Hong Kong.

The Tariff Commission met again to-day Mr. Mackay, the British member, strongly advocated permitting China to export rice, to which the Chinese Commissioners vigorously objected. Mr. Mackay also proposed the issue of a silver tael currency to replace the Mexican dollar

TO GROW COTTON IN TOGOLAND. German Colonial Office Encourages the Plan - Methods Will Be Studied There.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, March 24.-The Colonial Office is encouraging the movement to establish cotton growing in Togoland, East Africa, as a permanent native industry, on a large A meeting of experts held at the Foreign Office approved as satisfactory a recommendation as to the suitability of Togoland made by an expedition sent to investigate the question.

It was decided to send to the United States a commission of agricultural experts to study cotton cultivation and collect data with a view to starting experimental stations in Togoland.

VON BULOW'S VISIT TO VENICE Not Alone for His Health, Says Rumor but Has to Do With Treatles.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. VENICE, March 24 .- Count and Counter on Bülow have arrived here, accompanied by the Count's physician. In spite of denials that the visit is anything but for the benefit of his health, telegrams from Berne and Vienna show a strong tendency to credit the report that the German Chancellor's journey is principally concerned with the enewal of the existing commercial treaties. It is further announced here that Signor Zanardelli, the Italian Premier, and Signor Prinetti, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, will meet Count von Bülow at Verona.

FOR CALLING CHAMBERLAIN LIAR House of Commons Suspends John Dillon for One Week.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 24 - The House of Comcepted Mr. Balfour's motion that the suspension of John Dillon, for calling Colonial Secretary Chamberlain a liar, be for one veek from March 20.

Wreaths on Longfellow's Bust in London,

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 24 .- American and Engish admirers placed wreaths on the bust of the poet Longfellow in Westminster Abbey to-day, the twentieth anniversary of his death. One wreath was inscribed "From Americans in London," and another "From Some English Admirers of the American

NOSE BROKEN BY 'A BLOW President Cassidy's Brother Punches Wrigh After Barroom Argument.

William W. Wright, formerly an assistant sergeant-at-arms in the Municipal Assembly, was assaulted in the barroom of Miller's hotel, Long Island City, yesterday by Dr. Thomas M. Cassidy, brother of President Joseph Cassidy of the borough of Queens. Wright was felled to the floor and remained unconscious for several

The assault, it was said, followed ar argument between Wright and Capt. Thoma Cellum, a labor agitator. Wright made some references to President Cassidy and some references to President Cassidy and was knocked down by Dr. Cassidy, who was standing near him. Another version of the affair was to the effect that Dr. Cassidy and Wright got involved in a heated argument over the political situation in the borough of Queens. Wright's nose appears to be broken by the blow and it swelled to three times its normal size. It required the services of a surgeon to stop the flow of blood.

years Wright had been a close friend and ardent supporter, politically, of President Cassidy He was connected with the Municipal Assembly while Mr Cassidy san a Councilinan Friends of Wright said year terday that he had spent all his money to

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THE CHOLERA IN MANILA. Natives Trying to Leave the Town-Surrenders of Insurgents.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MANUA, March 24.—Owing to the outbreak of cholera here thousands of natives are making application for permission to eave the city. Many of the natives seek to leave without permission and attempt to evade the guards, who are maintaining complete quarantine. Seven deaths from the disease were reported to-day, most of them occuring in the populous northern district. The white residents are not worried over the outbreak. It is thought the sanitary authorities have the

disease in check. The loyalty and activity of Gen. Cailles, the ex-insurgent leader, is largely responsible for the surrender of his former subordinate, Col. Baballeo, with sixty-five armed men.

Gen. Bell reports the total surrenders of Baballes's command since Gen. Cailles as been afield for the Americans number six field officers and 243 armed men. It is the general opinion that the province of Laguna is now quieted.

Lieut. McCarthy recently discovered number of guns which had been cached y ex-Gen. Maxilom, who surrendered last October. The discovery led to the arrest in Cebu of the General and his brother. who were imprisoned on a launch. They made a desperate attempt to escape. Maxilom's brother stabbed the pilot before ne was killed, while the General leaped overboard, but was recaptured.

Lieut. Day, who, with Major Waller, being tried by court-martial here for putting natives to death without a trial, estified to-day that there was an investigation before the prisoners were executed. Capt. Porter, of the Marine Corps, who accompanied Major Waller on the trip across Samar, continued his testimony. He said that Gen. Smith gave Major Waller power of life or death by inference saying e wanted no prisoners, and that traitors should be punished by death.

The mountain battery battalion of the wenty-seventh Regiment has been ordered Mindanao to assist Gen. Davis in punishng a band of Moros.

CAN'T MAKE THE CLOCK GO. Jefferson Market Folks Wrestle in Vain With Its Freak Timeplece.

The old clock in the northeast tower of Jefferson Market stopped work on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Since then the entire staff of court attendants from "Billy" the plumber to the clerks have been vainly doing their utmost to get the ancient time-

room of the tower trying to make the pendulum swing. Finally something began to buzz in the workshop overhead. Then came a snap, and since then the clock has refused to be moved to do anything its the line of data. in the line of duty.

The Jefferson Market clock is famous in Greenwich village for its many acrobatic

feats. Not long ago it was nearly a day and a half ahead of the calendar. Then during the following week it took thirty-six hours to get its hands to complete the circle twice. Another thing that has caused much annovance is the light in the clock room It is placed so that one face of the clock is half covered by a shadow while another

face seems to have four hands, two extra ones being supplied by the shadows of the supports for the wheels. OPEN RAPID TRANSIT MEETINGS?

Mayor and Comptroller Opposed by Ma-

There is a difference of opinion within the Rapid Transit Commission over the question of what publicity is to be given to its proceedings. So far the meetings of the commission have been held behind closed doors and the Secretary tells the reporters afterward what has been done

It was reported yesterday that at a recent meeting some very sharp remarks were exchanged between the two factions into which the commission has become divided which the commission has become divided on this question. Mayor Low and Comptroller Grout are said to have advocated open meetings. Against them were arrayed the other members with the exception of Morris K. Jesup. It is furthermore reported that the Comptroller, backed by the Mayor, is bent on bringing the matter to an issue in one way or another, unless the majority comes to

ther, unless the majority comes to The present members of the commission are Alaxander E. Ger. John H. Starin. Woodfury Langdon, Chirles Stewart Smith. Marris E. Jessip, John Claffin, Mayor Loward Comptroller Grant.

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CONFERENCES AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON CUBAN TARIFF.

Suggestions Submitted to the President for a Compromise, but Were Rejected - Palma and Wood Talk With the President About Plan for Turning the Island Over to the Cubans

WASHINGTON, March 24.-The Cubar question in its various phases occupied the attention of President Reservelt, members of the Cabinet and Senators and Representatives to-day. During the morning and afternoon various Congressmen, chiefly those known as beet sugar men, called at the White House at the President's reques and talked with him about the plans of the advocates of tariff concessions to Cuba for reporting to the House, from the Committee on Ways and Means, the bill recently introduced by Chairman Payne as a result of the conference of House Republicans. providing for a reciprocal 20 per cent. tariff reduction between the United States and Cuba, to continue until Dec. 1, 1903. Governor General Wood had a long conference with the President later in the day and in the evening dined with the President. Tomas Estrada Palma, President-elect

of the Cuban Republic, was a guest also, and the details of the programme for turn ing the Cuban Government over to the Cuban people on May 1, were discussed The importance of securing action by Congress on the Tariff Reduction bill in advance of the transfer of the Cuban Government was impressed upon the President, and it is probable that the date will be advanced to June 1 or later if Congress does not dispose of the question at an early d y. The efforts of the Republican leaders of the House are now being especially directed toward getting the bill reported from the Ways and Means Committee, with the approval of all the Republican members. There is no doubt that the bill will be passed when reported, although the beet sugar men as a rule still talk of "No surrender." It is reported on good authority that at the conference to-day the President gave the Congressmen to understand that so far as he is concerned he is willing to accept the House bill as it stands, without recommending that the amendment of the proposed reduction be increased or without extending the date when it shall cease. Gen. Wood also gave the impression that this is the attitude of the Administration by making the following statement to THE SUN to-night when asked if it were true that he is urging a greater reduction than provided for in the House bill, and that he had said there would be an insurrection in Cuba if this is not done: "That is absolutely false. There will be

no insurrection in Cuba and I have never predicted any. Such reports are malignant, and circulated to create the impression that I am trying to influence Congress on the sugar question. That is not so. My visit here has to do only with the plans for the transfer of government in Cuba. Of course, I hope for more than 20 per cent. reduction, but I am not trying to influence Congress on the subject, and any reports that I am predicting insurrec-tion or uprisings or trouble with the Cubans are maliciously false

has been the idea of the Senate leaders that 20 per cent, is not a sufficient reduc-tion and that it should continue beyond Dec. 1, 1903. It has also been thought that the form of the bill should be changed and the form of the bill should be changed and the provision for a treaty eliminated by providing simply that the new Cuban Government shall make concessions on imports of United States products into Cuba and the President should issue a proc-lamation announcing that the amount of duties collected by the United States on imports from the island should be decreased by the amount of the reduction graves. by the amount of the reduction granted by Cuba. No formal assurances have been given, however, on either side, but it is not impossible that this may be the re-sult of the President's talk with the Con-gressmen to-day and of Gen. Wood's state-

men above quoted.

L. V. de Abad, Special Cuban Com On Saturday two of them sat in the clock | sioner and Secretary of the Cuban delegasomer and secretary of the Cuban delega-tion in this city, to-day issued an open letter to Congressmen, in which, after making an appeal for a generous tariff policy with Cuba, he says:

"The island of Cuba is to-day a military dependency of the United States, it is less than a territory and less than than a territory and to-morrow, when the Platt amendment becomes operative, al-though called a republic, it will, in view of that amendment, be less independent than Australia or Canada less independent than it would have been under the au-

onomic Constitution granted by Spain in "The degree of sovereignty enjoyed by Cuba is not to be compared with that exercised by Bulgaria or Servia, because these countries are protected by the treaty of Berlin, which secured the signatures of a number of Powers, and the Republic of Cuba has no guarantee, save that bestowed by an act of Congress, which may be retailed by a microscopic and the security of the countries of the countries

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ence who favored it left the White House with the belief that Mr. Rocevelt was favorably inclined toward the suggestion and would ask the opinion of the "leaders" as to its advisability.
While the President and Messrs. Metcal?

While the President and Messrs. Metcalfi Dick and others were in conference the Speaker was engaged with Represelative Babcock of Wisconsin, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, trying to win him over. The situation in the committee is this: Representatives Hopkins and Grosvenor, who favor the Payne bill, are absent; Representatives Metcalf, Babcock and Tawney can see no good in the Payne bill; therefore there are but six Republicans left, not enough to put the bill through without Democratic voices. Even were Messrs. Hopkins and Grosvenor here there would be one less than a mahere there would be one less than a ma-jority of the committee in favor of the bill, if Republican votes alone could be de-

pended upon.

McClellan of New York has, it is said, McClellan of New York has, it is said, assured the Republicans that they can count on his vote to get the bill out of the committee, but the other Democratio members, except Robertson of Louisiana, who opposes any reduction whatever, are keeping very quiet as to their attitude, thus giving the Republican leaders additional cause for concern.

THE TRANSFER OF CUBA. Birth of the New Republic May Be Delayed Until May 18 or June 1.

WASHINGTON, March 24.-The transfer government in Cuba may not take place May 1, as has been hoped for by the officials here. A general discussion this evening between the President, Gen. Wood, Secretary Root and Tomas Estrada Palma President-elect many details which may delay the transfer until May 15 or June 1 Arrangements for turning over the Government have or been completed and probably will not for a day or two. The actual transfer can be accomplished

in a few hours, but all arrangements must be made in advance for the withdrawal of troops, the depositing of funds now held in trust by the Government of intervention, the calling together of the Cuban Congress, the inauguration of President Palma, the appointment of a representative of the United States in Cuba with power to nego-tiate treaties with the new Government and to arrange for coaling stations. last named question is probably one of the most important to be determined and was a feature of the conference to-night. It is intended to withdraw the entire military force from Cuba immediately upon the transfer of the Government. upon the transfer of the Government, the purpose being to retain in Cuba sufficient troops to temporarily garrison the points intended for coaling stations. The first point to be decided by Gen. Wood and President Palma will be the date for the convening of the Cuban Converses. This will be announced in a proclamation issued by Gen. Wood, and within five days preceding the date appointed the Senators and Representatives will present their certificates to the Central present their certificates to the Central Board of Scrutiny for transmission to Gen Wood, who will then forward them

to the proper branch of congress when assembles. Each house of Congress withen examine and judge as to the validi then examine and judge as to the validity of the election of its respective members. The Cuban Constitution provides that Congress shall meet on the first Monday in April and the first Monday in November But the present indications are that the first session of the Cuban Congress will not be held until some time in May. It is probable that then Wood will at the time of lessing his preclamation naming a date for the the assembling of the Luban Congress, also announce a date for the imagnification of President Palma. His directentule will be passed upon by the Cuban Congress and he will then take the nath of office before the superime takent of duction of Cuba. He will then transmit a message to the Longress, dealing with the important sub-The will their transport a message to the tringerous dealing with the important cultimate relating to the transfer of the forces, must that may only for action. While tens Wood has simplified as much as possible time work of rang for by relieving American officers from their ovel duties in Culta and appointing in place of them to have relieved at well become accompany for President Palma to immediately fill these diffuse without by mappenetisms of the selection of them.

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